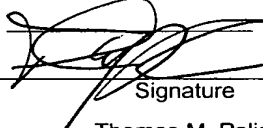
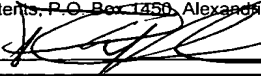




REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket No. (Optional) SPINE 3.0-2658											
In re Application of Michael Castro, Herb Cohen, David Nichols, and R. Scott Graham													
Application Number 09/815,504		Filed March 23, 2001											
For: MODULAR IMPLANT FOR FUSING ADJACENT BONE STRUCTURE													
Art Unit 3738		Examiner A. J. Stewart											
<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):</p> <table><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</td><td>\$ 110.00</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</td><td>\$</td></tr></table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 12-1095</p> <p>I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p> <p>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor. <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 36,629 <input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a)</p> <p>April 12, 2004 Date</p> <p>(908) 518-6366 Telephone Number</p> <p> Signature</p> <p>Thomas M. Palisi Typed or printed name</p> <p>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Total of 1 forms are submitted.</p>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ 110.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$
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